PROPOSED-CONTRACT

THIS Contract for the Provision of Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, and Administration of Short Term Disability Insurance, and Disability Income Protection plans, hereinafter referred to as ("Contract") is effective January 1, 2016 by and between the County of Orange, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Standard Insurance Company, with a place of business at 1100 SW 6th Ave, Portland OR 97204, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor", which are sometimes individually referred to as "Party," or collectively referred to as "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Contractor responded to a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for the Provision of Long Term Disability Insurance Plan and Administration of Short Term Disability Insurance and Disability Income Protection plans; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represents that its services shall meet or exceed the requirements and specifications of the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Purchasing Agent or his designee to enter into this Contract with Contractor for the Provision of Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, and Administration of the Short Term Disability Insurance and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLES

- 1. Scope of Work: The Scope of Work for this Contract is attached hereto as Attachment A.
- 2. **Pricing:** The Contract price, as specified in Attachment B hereto, includes full compensation for providing all services to be provided under this Contract.
- 3. **Invoicing/Payment:** All invoicing and payment for services performed under this Contract shall be as specified in Attachment B, hereto.
- 4. **Contract Term:** The initial term of this Contract is for three (3) years effective January 1, 2016, continuing for three (3) years from that date, unless terminated by County. Contract may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms, upon mutual agreement of the Parties. Renewal of the Contract may require approval by the County Board of Supervisors. The County does not have to give a reason if it elects not to renew this Contract.
- 5. Entire Agreement: This Contract, including its Attachments, together with the Administrative Services Agreements, Group Short Term Disability Plan, and the Group Insurance Policies, contains the entire contract between the Parties with respect to the matters herein and there are no exceptions, alternatives, substitutions, revisions, understandings, agreements, restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings, whether oral or written, other than those set forth herein or referred to herein.
- 6. **Amendments:** No alteration or variation of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the Parties.
- 7. Governing Law and Venue: This Contract has been negotiated and executed in the State of California and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California,

without reference to conflict of laws provisions. In the event of any legal action between the parties to enforce or interpret this Contract, the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Orange County, California, and the Parties hereto agree to and do hereby submit to the jurisdiction of such court, notwithstanding Code of Civil Procedure section 394. Furthermore, the Parties specifically agree to waive any and all rights to request that an action be transferred for trial to another venue.

- 8. **Appropriation/Contingency of Funds:** This Contract is subject to and contingent upon applicable budgetary appropriations being approved by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors for each fiscal year during the Term of this Contract. If such appropriations are not approved, this Contract will be immediately terminated without penalty to the County. The County will be responsible for all premiums due and payable up to the date of termination.
- 9. **Taxes:** Unless otherwise provided herein or by law, price quoted does not include California state sales or use tax.
- 10. **Delivery:** Time of delivery of services is of the essence in this Contract. County reserves the right to refuse any services and to cancel all or any part of the services that do not conform to the prescribed Scope of Work.
- 11. **Independent Contractor:** Contractor shall be considered an independent contractor and neither Contractor, its employees, nor anyone working under Contractor shall be considered an agent or an employee of County. Neither Contractor, its employees nor anyone working under Contractor, shall qualify for workers' compensation or other fringe benefits of any kind through County.
- 12. Assignment or Sub-contracting: The terms, covenants, and conditions contained herein shall apply to and bind the heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the Parties. Furthermore, neither the performance of this Contract nor any portion thereof may be assigned or sub-contracted by Contractor without the express written consent of County. Any attempt by Contractor to assign or sub-contract the performance or any portion thereof of this Contract without the express written consent of County shall be invalid and shall constitute a breach of this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County consents to the subcontractors listed in Attachment D.3. Notwithstanding this paragraph or any other terms or provisions set forth in this Contract or its Attachments, none of the work done for the County, its employees, agents, directors, elected officials or their dependents as relates to this Contract may be performed outside the United States of America. Further no participant specific data including but not limited to name, personal health information, social security numbers, addresses, information regarding dependents, or date of birth may be accessed outside the United States of America by Contractors, or subcontractors.
- 13. **Non-Discrimination:** In the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of Section 1735 of the California Labor Code and not engage nor permit any sub-contractors to engage in discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons. Contractor acknowledges that a violation of this provision shall subject Contractor to all the penalties imposed for a violation of anti-discrimination laws or regulations including but not limited to Section 1720 *et seq.*, of the California Labor Code.
- 14. **Performance:** Contractor shall perform all work under this Contract, taking necessary steps and precautions to perform the work to County's satisfaction. Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical assurance, timely completion and coordination of all documentation and other services performed by the Contractor under this Contract. Contractor

shall perform all work diligently, carefully, and in a good and workman-like manner; shall furnish all labor, supervision, machinery, equipment, materials, and supplies necessary therefore; shall at its sole expense obtain and maintain all permits and licenses required by public authorities, including those of County required in its governmental capacity, in connection with performance of the services; and, if permitted to sub-contract, shall be fully responsible for all work performed by sub-contractors.

- 15. Errors and Omissions: All reports, files and other documents prepared and submitted by Contractor shall be complete and shall be carefully checked by the professional(s) identified by Contractor as Account Manager and key personnel, prior to submission to the County. Contractor agrees that County review is discretionary and Contractor shall not assume that the County will discover errors and/or omissions. If the County discovers any errors or omissions prior to approving Contractor's reports, files and other written documents, the reports, files or documents will be returned to Contractor for correction. Should the County or others discover errors or omissions in the reports, files or other written documents submitted by Contractor after County approval thereof, County approval of Contractor's reports, files or documents shall not be used as a defense by Contractor in any action between the County and Contractor, and the reports, files or documents will be returned to Contractor for correction at no charge to County.
- 16. Warranty: Contractor expressly warrants that the services covered by this Contract are: 1) merchantable and good for the ordinary purposes for which they are used; and 2) fit for the particular purpose for which they are intended. Acceptance of this Contract shall constitute an agreement upon Contractor's part to indemnify, defend and hold County and its indemnities, as identified in paragraph 19 below and as more fully described in paragraph 19, harmless from liability, loss, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred or sustained by County by reason of the failure of the services to conform to such warranties, Contractor's faulty work performance, negligent or unlawful acts arising from performance under this Contract, and non-compliance with any applicable state or federal codes, regulations, ordinances, orders, or statutes, including the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and the California Industrial Safety Act. Such remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies provided by law.
- 17. Patent/Copyright Materials/Proprietary Infringement: Contractor shall be solely responsible for clearing the right to use any patented or copyrighted materials in the performance of this Contract. Contractor warrants that any software as modified through services provided hereunder will not infringe upon or violate any patent, proprietary right or trade secret right of any third party. Contractor agrees that, in accordance with the more specific requirement contained in paragraph 19 below, it shall indemnify, defend and hold County and County Indemnitees harmless from any and all such claims and be responsible for payment of all costs, damages, penalties and expenses related to or arising from such claim(s), including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, costs and expenses.
- 18. **Compliance with Laws**: Contractor represents and warrants that services to be provided under this Contract shall fully comply, at Contractor's expense, with all applicable standards, laws, statutes, restrictions, ordinances, requirements, and regulations (collectively "laws"), including, but not limited to those issued by County in its governmental capacity and all other laws applicable to the services at the time services are provided to and accepted by County. Contractor acknowledges that County is relying on Contractor to ensure such compliance, and pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 19 below, Contractor agrees that it shall defend, indemnify and hold County and County Indemnitees harmless from all liability, damages, costs and expenses arising from or related to a violation of such laws.
- 19. **Indemnification** Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by County, and hold harmless County, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents

and those special districts and agencies which County's Board of Supervisors acts as the governing Board ("County Indemnitees") from any claims, demands or liability of any kind or nature, including but not limited to personal injury or property damage, arising from or related to the services, products or other performance any negligent, reckless, or willful acts of Contractor in the performance of provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract. If judgment is entered against Contractor and County by a court of competent jurisdiction because of the concurrent active negligence of County or County Indemnitees, Contractor and County agree that liability will be apportioned as determined by the court. Neither Party shall request a jury apportionment.

20. Insurance:

Prior to the provision of services under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to purchase all required insurance at Contractor's expense and to deposit with the County Certificates of Insurance, including all endorsements required herein, necessary to satisfy the County that the insurance provisions of this contract have been complied with and to keep such insurance coverage and the certificates therefore on deposit with the County during the entire term of this Contract. In addition, all subcontractors performing work on behalf of contractor pursuant to this Contract shall obtain insurance subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for Contractor.

Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors performing work on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be covered under Contractor's insurance as an Additional Insured or maintain insurance subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for Contractor. Contractor shall not allow subcontractors to work if subcontractors have less than the level of coverage required by County from Contractor under this Contract. It is the obligation of Contractor to provide notice of the insurance requirements to every subcontractor and to receive proof of insurance prior to allowing any subcontractor to begin work. Such proof of insurance must be maintained by Contractor through the entirety of this Contract for inspection by County representative(s) at any reasonable time.

All self-insured retentions (SIRs) and deductibles shall be clearly stated on the Certificate of Insurance. If no SIRs or deductibles apply, indicate this on the Certificate of Insurance with a zero (0) by the appropriate line of coverage. Any self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible in an amount in excess of \$25,000 (\$5,000 for automobile liability), shall specifically be approved by the County Executive Office (CEO)/Office of Risk Management.

If the Contractor fails to maintain insurance acceptable to the County for the full term of this Contract, the County may terminate this Contract.

Qualified Insurer

Minimum insurance company ratings as determined by the most current edition of the <u>Best's Key</u> <u>Rating Guide/Property-Casualty/United States</u> <u>or ambest.com</u> shall be A (Secure A.M. Best's Rating) and VIII (Financial Size Category).

The policy or policies of insurance must be issued by an insurer licensed to do business in the state of California (California Admitted Carrier) If the carrier is a non-admitted carrier in the state of California and does not meet or exceed an A.M. Best rating of A-/VIII, the County CEO/Office of Risk Management retains the right to approve or reject a carrier after a review of the company's performance and financial ratings.

The policy or policies of insurance must be issued by an insurer with a minimum rating of A-(Secure A.M. Best's Rating) and VIII (Financial Size Category as determined by the most current edition of the Best's Key Rating Guide/Property-Casualty/United States ambest.com). It is preferred, but not mandatory, that the insurer be licensed to do business in the state of California

(California Admitted Carrier).

If the insurance carrier does not have an A.M. Best Rating of A-/VIII, the CEO/Office of Risk Management retains the right to approve or reject a carrier after a review of the company's performance and financial ratings.

The policy or policies of insurance maintained by the Contractor shall provide the minimum limits and coverage as set forth below:

Coverage	Minimum Limits
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 limit per occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability including coverage for owned, non-owned and hired vehicles	\$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence
Workers' Compensation Employers' Liability Insurance	Statutory \$1,000,000 per occurrence
Professional Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000 per claims made or per occurrence
Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000 per claims made or per occurrence

Required Coverage Forms

The Commercial General Liability coverage shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 00 01, or a substitute form providing liability coverage at least as broad.

The Business Auto Liability coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, CA 00 05, CA 0012, CA 00 20, or a substitute form providing coverage at least as broad.

<u>Required Endorsements</u>

The Commercial General Liability policy shall contain the following endorsements, which shall accompany the Certificate of insurance:

- 1) An Additional Insured endorsement using ISO form CG 2010 or CG 2033 or a form at least as broad naming the County of Orange, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents as Additional Insureds.
- 2) A primary non-contributing endorsement evidencing that the contractor's insurance is primary and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County of Orange shall be excess and non-contributing.

All insurance policies required by this Contract with the exception of Professional Liability policy and the Network Security and Privacy policy, shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County of Orange and members of the Board of Supervisors, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees when acting within the scope of their appointment or employment.

The Workers' Compensation policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement waiving

all rights of subrogation against the County of Orange, and members of the Board of Supervisors, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees.

Contractor shall notify County in writing within thirty (30) days of any policy cancellation and ten (10) days for non-payment of premium and provide a copy of the cancellation notice to County. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation may constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

If contractor's Professional Liability policy is a "claims made" policy, contractor shall agree to maintain professional liability coverage for two years following completion of Contract.

The Commercial General Liability policy shall contain a severability of interests clause also known as a "separation of insureds" clause (standard in the ISO CG 0001 policy).

Insurance certificates should be forwarded to the agency/department address listed on the solicitation.

If the Contractor fails to provide the insurance certificates and endorsements within seven days of notification by CEO/Purchasing or the agency/department purchasing division, award may be made to the next qualified vendor.

County expressly retains the right to require Contractor to increase or decrease insurance of any of the above insurance types throughout the term of this Contract. Any increase or decrease in insurance will be as deemed by County of Orange Risk Manager as appropriate to adequately protect County.

County shall notify Contractor in writing of changes in the insurance requirements. If Contractor does not deposit copies of acceptable certificates of insurance and endorsements with County incorporating such changes within thirty days of receipt of such notice, this Contract may be in breach without further notice to Contractor, and County shall be entitled to all legal remedies.

The procuring of such required policy or policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract, nor act in any way to reduce the policy coverage and limits available from the insurer.

- 21. **Confidentiality:** Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all County and County-related records and information pursuant to all applicable statutory laws relating to privacy and confidentiality that currently exist or exist at any time during the term of this Contract. All such records and information shall be considered confidential and kept confidential by Contractor and Contractor's staff, agents and employees.
- 22. Contractor Personnel: Contractor warrants that all Contractor personnel engaged in the performance of work under this Contract shall possess sufficient experience and/or education and the required licenses set forth herein in good standing to perform the services requested by the County. County expressly retains the right to request that have any of the Contractor personnel be removed from performing services under this Contract to the County. Contractor reserves the right to make decisions regarding the staff servicing the County. shall effectuate the removal of the specified Contractor personnel from providing any services to the County under this Contract within one business day of notification by County. County shall submit the request in writing to the Contractor's Account Manager. The County is not required to provide any reason, rationale or additional factual information if it elects to request any specific Contractor personnel be removed from performing services under this Contract.

23. Contractor's Account Manager and Key Personnel: Contractor shall appoint an Account Manager to direct the Contractor's efforts in fulfilling Contractor's obligations under this Contract. This Account Manager shall be subject to approval by the County Contractor shall notify the County in writing if the Account Manager is changed and shall not be changed without the written consent of the County's project manager, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The Contractor's Account Manager and key personnel shall be assigned to this project for the duration of this Contract and shall diligently pursue all work and services to meet the project time lines. Key personnel are those individuals who report directly to the Contractor's Account Manager.

- 24. **Project Manager:** The County shall appoint a project manager to act as liaison between the County and the Contractor during the term of this Contract. The County's project manager shall coordinate the activities of the County staff assigned to work with the Contractor. The County's project manager shall have the right to require the removal and replacement of the Contractor's Account Manager from providing services to County under this Contract. The County's Project Manager shall notify the Contractor in writing of such request for removal of Contractor's Account Manager. The Contractor shall accomplish the removal within one (1) day after written notice by the County's project manager. The County's Account Manager. The County is not required to provide any additional information, reason or rationale for the request for removal of Contractor's Account Manager from providing services to County under this Contract.
- 25. **Reports/Meetings:** The Contractor shall develop reports and any other relevant documents necessary to complete the services and requirements as set forth in this Contract. The County's project manager and the Contractor's Account Manager will meet on reasonable notice to discuss the Contractor's performance and progress under this Contract. If requested, the Contractor's Account Manager and other project personnel shall attend all meetings. The Contractor shall provide such information that is requested by the County for the purpose of monitoring progress under this Contract.
- 26. **Ownership of Documents:** The County own the self-funded Short Term Disability plan claim files ("County Owned Documents"). Contractor owns all proprietary business records created in the course of administering the fully-insured group insurance policies, including but not limited to, underwriting, sales and claim files ("Contractor Owned Documents") has permanent ownership of all directly connected and derivative materials produced under this Contract by the Contractor. All documents, reports and other incidental or derivative work or materials furnished hereunder shall become and remain the sole properties of the County and may be used by the County as it may require without additional cost to the County. None of the documents, reports and other incidental or derivative work or the contractor without the express written consent of the County.
- 27. **Title to Data:** All County Owned Documents, including materials, documents, data or other information in any medium obtained from the County data files or any County medium furnished to the Contractor in the performance of this Contract will at all times remain the property of the County. Such data or information may not be used or copied for direct or indirect use by the Contractor after completion or termination of this Contract without the express written consent of the County. All County Owned Documents, including materials, documents, data or information, including copies, must be returned to the County at the end of this Contract.
- 28. **Records:** The Contractor shall keep an accurate record of time expended by Contractor and the subcontractors working for Contractor in the performance of this Contract. Such record shall be available for periodic inspection by the County at reasonable times.

29. Audits/Inspections: Contractor agrees to permit the County's Auditor-Controller or the Auditor-Controller's authorized representative (including auditors from a private auditing firm hired by the County, but not any auditors who are Contractor's competitors) access during normal working hours to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, financial records, supporting documentation, including payroll and accounts payable/receivable records, and other papers or property of Contractor for the purpose of auditing or inspecting any aspect of performance under this Contract. Any such audit/inspection is subject to applicable law. The inspection and/or audit will be confined to those matters connected with the performance of the Contract including, but not limited to, the costs of administering the Contract. The County will provide reasonable notice of such an audit or inspection. The County reserves the right to audit and verify the Contractor's records before final payment is made.

Contractor agrees to maintain such records as long as is required by applicable law for possible audit for a minimum of three years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated under this Contract or by law. Contractor agrees to allow interviews of any employees or others who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Contractor agrees to include a similar right to the County to audit records and interview staff of any sub-contractor related to performance of this Contract.

Should the Contractor cease to exist as a legal entity, the Contractor's records pertaining to this Contract shall be forwarded to the surviving entity in a merger or acquisition or, in the event of liquidation, to the County's Program Manager, provided such transfer is permitted by applicable law.

- 30. **Publication:** No copies of schedules, written documents, and computer based data, photographs, maps or graphs, resulting from performance or prepared in connection with this Contract, are to be released by Contractor and/or anyone acting under the supervision of Contractor to any person, partnership, company, corporation, or agency, without prior written approval by the County, except as necessary for the performance of the services of this Contract. All press releases, including graphic display information to be published in newspapers, magazines, etc., are to be administered only by the County unless otherwise agreed to by both Parties.
- 31. **Conflict of Interest:** The Contractor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with the best interests of the County. This obligation shall apply to the Contractor; the Contractor's employees, agents, and relatives; sub-tier Contractor's and third parties associated with accomplishing services hereunder. The Contractor's efforts shall include, but not be limited to establishing precautions to prevent its employees or agents from making, receiving, providing or offering gifts, entertainment, payments, loans or other considerations which could be deemed to appear to influence individuals to act contrary to the best interests of the County. The County Board of Supervisors policy prohibits its employees from engaging in activities involving a conflict of interest. The Contractor shall not, during the period of this Contract, employ any County employee for any purpose.
- 32. **Termination:** In addition to any other remedies or rights it may have by law, County has the right to terminate this Contract without penalty immediately with cause or after 30 days' written notice without cause, unless otherwise specified. Cause shall be defined as any breach of this Contract, any misrepresentation or fraud on the part of the Contractor. Exercise by County of its right to terminate the Contract shall relieve County of all further obligations. County will be responsible for all premiums due and payable up to the date of termination.
- 33. **Breach of Contract:** The failure of the Contractor to comply with any of the terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. In such

event the County may, and in addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this Contract:

- a. Afford the Contractor written notice of the breach and ten (10) calendar days or such shorter time that may be specified in this Contract within which to cure the breach; and/or
- b. Discontinue payment to the Contractor for and during the period in which the Contractor is in breach; and offset against any monies billed by the Contractor but yet unpaid by the County those monies disallowed pursuant to the above; and/or
- c. Terminate this Contract immediately, without penalty to the County.
- 34. **Disputes:** The Parties shall deal in good faith and attempt to resolve potential disputes informally. If a dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the terms of this Contract is not disposed of in a reasonable period of time by the Contractor's Account Manager and the County's project manager, such matter shall be brought to the attention of the Purchasing Agent by way of the following process:
 - a. The Contractor shall submit to the Deputy Purchasing Agent a written demand for a final decision regarding the disposition of any dispute between the Parties arising under, related to, or involving this Contract, unless the County, on its own initiative, has already rendered such a final decision.
 - b. The Contractor's written demand shall be fully supported by factual information, and, if such demand involves a cost adjustment to this Contract, the Contractor shall include with the demand a written statement signed by a senior official indicating that the demand is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that the amount requested accurately reflects the amount for which the Contractor believes the County is liable.
 - c. Pending the final resolution of any dispute arising under, related to, or involving this Contract, the Contractor agrees to diligently proceed with the performance of his Contract, including the provision of services. The Contractor's failure to diligently proceed shall be considered a material breach of this Contract. Any final decision of the County shall be expressly identified as such, shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the County's Purchasing Agent or his designee. If the County fails to render a decision within 90 days after receipt of the Contractor's demand, it shall be deemed a final decision adverse to the Contractor's contentions.

Nothing in this section 31 shall change the termination provisions of the group insurance policies.

35. **Orderly Termination:** Upon termination or other expiration of this Contract, Contractor shall return to County all County Owned Documents and County shall return to Contractor all Contractor Owned Documents, unless either party is under an obligation to retain such information. If either party has such an obligation, then it may retain one copy and all requirements in this Contract regarding confidentiality shall remain in force and effect while party retains the copy. each Party shall promptly return to the other Party all papers, materials, and other properties of the other held by each for purposes of execution of the Contract. In addition, each Party will assist the other Party in orderly termination of this Contract and the transfer of all aspects, tangible and intangible, as may be necessary for the orderly, non-disruptive business continuation of each Party.

At the end of the term of this Contract or in the event of termination of this Contract by either party, the Contractor agrees to provide County with claims experience and other information necessary within thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination of the Contract in order to assist in an orderly transition to another insurance carrier. Any data sharing or transfer is subject to applicable law. a computer history tape (in a form and format reasonable acceptable to the County) with information necessary to transfer the records of each member's history of Claims within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the termination of this Contract. County may request copies of

individual files necessary to reconstruct individual histories on specified members for up to five (5) years after termination of this Contract.

At the end of the term of this Contract or in the event of termination of the Contract by either Party and upon the request of County Contractor agrees to continue the administration of claims incurred prior to the effective ending date of this Contract for a period of six months after the termination date.

- 36. **Force Majeure:** Contractor shall not be in breach of this Contract during any delay beyond the time named for the performance of this Contract caused by any act of God, war, civil disorder, employment strike or other cause beyond its reasonable control, provided Contractor gives written notice of the cause of the delay to County within 36 hours of the start of the delay, or as soon as reasonably possible and Contractor avails himself of any available remedies.
- 37. **Consent to Breach Not Waiver:** No term or provision of this Contract shall be deemed waived and no breach excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the Party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any Party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether express or implied, shall not constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any other different or subsequent breach.
- 38. **Remedies Not Exclusive:** The remedies for breach set forth in this Contract are cumulative as to one another and as to any other provided by law, rather than exclusive; and the expression of certain remedies in this Contract does not preclude resort by either Party to any other remedies provided by law.
- 39. **Notices:** Any and all notices, requests demands and other communications contemplated, called for, permitted, or required to be given herein shall be in writing, except through the course of the County's project manager and Contractor's Account Manager routine exchange of information and cooperation during the terms of the work and services. Any written communications shall be deemed to have been duly given upon actual in-person delivery, if delivery is by direct hand or upon delivery on the actual day of receipt or no greater than four calendar days after being mailed by US certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, whichever occurs first. The date of mailing shall count as the first day. All communications shall be addressed to the appropriate Party at the address stated herein or such other address as the Parties hereto may designate by written notice from time to time in the manner aforesaid.

County:	Program Manager, Diana Banzet Human Resource Services/Employee Benefits 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Room 137 Santa Ana, CA 92701
Contractor:	TBD-Standard Insurance Company Teresa Lollar, Account Manager 1100 SW 6 th Ave. Portland, OR, 97204

40. **County Child Support Enforcement:** Contractor is required to comply with the child support enforcement requirements of the County. Failure of the Contractor to comply with all federal, state, and local reporting requirements for child support enforcement or to comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignment shall constitute a material breach of the Contract. Failure to cure such breach within 60 calendar days of notice from the County shall constitute grounds for termination of this Contract.

- 41. **Change Of Ownership:** Contractor agrees that if there is a change or transfer in ownership of Contractor's business prior to completion of this Contract, the new owners shall be required under terms of sale or other transfer to assume Contractor's duties and obligations contained in this Contract and complete them to the satisfaction of County.
- 42. **Precedence:** The documents herein consist of this Contract and its attachments. In the event of a conflict between or among the Contract documents, the order of precedence shall be the provisions of the main body of this Contract, i.e., those provisions set forth in the articles of this Contract, and then the Attachments and Exhibits. Notwithstanding anything else in this section 40., the terms and conditions of Contractor's group insurance policies shall govern eligibility for insurance and benefits and Contractor's right to underwrite and terminate its group insurance policies. Contractor shall interpret its own group insurance policies.
- 43. **Headings:** The various headings and numbers herein, the grouping of provisions of this Contract into separate clauses and paragraphs, and the organization hereof are for the purpose of convenience only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.
- 44. **Severability:** If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.
- 45. **Calendar Days:** Any reference to the word "day" or "days" herein shall mean calendar day or calendar days, respectively, unless otherwise expressly provided.
- 46. **Attorney Fees:** In any action or proceeding to enforce or interpret any provision of this Contract, or where any provision hereof is validly asserted as a defense, each Party shall bear its own attorney's fees, costs and expenses.
- 47. Waiver Of Jury Trial: Each Party acknowledges that it is aware of and has had the opportunity to seek advise of counsel of its choice with respect to its rights to trial by jury, and each Party, for itself and its successors, creditors, and assigns, does hereby expressly and knowingly waive and release all such rights to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by any Party hereto against the other (and/or against its officers, directors, employees, agents, or subsidiary or affiliated entities) on or with regard to any matters whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with this Contract and /or any other claim of injury or damage.
- 48. **Interpretation:** This Contract has been negotiated at arm's length and between persons sophisticated and knowledgeable in the matters dealt with in this Contract. In addition, each Party has been represented by experienced and knowledgeable independent legal counsel of their own choosing, or has knowingly declined to seek such counsel despite being encouraged and given the opportunity to do so. Each Party further acknowledges that they have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever in executing this Contract by any other Party hereto or by any person representing them, or both. Accordingly, any rule of law (including California Civil Code Section 1654) or legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Contract shall be interpreted in a reasonable manner to affect the purpose of the Parties and this Contract.
- 49. **Authority:** The Parties to this Contract represent and warrant that this Contract has been duly authorized and executed and constitutes the legally binding obligation of their respective organization or entity, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 50. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Confidentiality: Contractor understands and agrees that maintaining the confidentiality of personally identifiable information is

important. Attachment F hereto shall be operative and control Contractor's confidentiality obligations. the disclosure of PHI by a health care component of a covered entity is subject to the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Contractor understands and agrees that it is a Business Associate of County for the purposes of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Therefore, the provisions set forth in Attachment O hereto shall be operative and control the Business Associate relationship of the parties. Nothing in Attachment O shall be considered a waiver of the limitation on subcontracting as set forth in this Contract.

- 51. **Survival:** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, the provisions of paragraphs 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 shall survive the termination of this Contract.
- 52. Employee Eligibility Verification: The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in Federal statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal or State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by the law. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by County, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Contract.
- 53. **Bills and Liens** Contractor shall pay promptly all indebtedness for labor, materials, and equipment used in performance of the work. Contractor shall not permit any lien or charge to attach to the work or the premises, but if any does so attach, Contractor shall promptly procure its release and, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 19 above, indemnify, defend, and hold County harmless and be responsible for payment of all costs, damages, penalties and expenses related to or arising from or related thereto.
- 54. **Changes:** Contractor shall make no changes in the work or perform any additional work without County's specific written approval.
- 55. **Terms and Conditions**: Contractor acknowledges that it has read and agrees to all terms and conditions included in this Contract.
- 56. **Incorporation:** This Contract and its Attachments A through F and O are attached hereto and incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

PROPOSED CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE

The Parties hereto have executed this Contract on the dates shown opposite their respective signatures below.

CONTRACTOR Standard Insurance Company*

Print Name	Title	
<u>* DO NOT SIGN THIS PAG</u>	E AT THIS TIME*	
Signature	Date	
Print Name	Title	
* DO NOT SIGN THIS PAG	E AT THIS TIME*	
Signature	Date	

* If the Contractor is a corporation, signatures of two specific corporate officers are required as further set forth.

The first corporate officer signature must be one of the following: 1) the Chairman of the Board; 2) the President; 3) any Vice President.

The second corporate officer signature must be one of the following: a) Secretary; b) Assistant Secretary; c) Chief Financial Officer; d) Assistant Treasurer.

In the alternative, a single corporate signature is acceptable when accompanied by a corporate resolution demonstrating the legal authority of the signature to bind the company.

Print Name	Title	
Signature	Date	
***********	******	******
Approved by Board of Supervisors on:	Date	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:		

Deputy, Office of County Counsel Orange County, California

Attachment A

Scope of Work

I. Background

The County of Orange is soliciting proposals for the provision and/or administration of its fully-insured Long Term Disability and self-insured Short Term Disability Insurance Plan and the Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan. The County is requesting three separate pricing proposals for the administration of the three separate plans. The County has had contracts with our current Plan Administrator for the past 8 years. This action to solicit proposals is not a result of dissatisfaction with services being provided by the current Plan Administrator but rather an opportunity to allow other vendors to present proposals in order to ensure that the County is receiving optimum service for a cost effective price. The existing contracts will be ending December 31, 2015. The effective date for the new Contract will be January 1, 2016. There will be an approximate six (6) to eight (8) week implementation period if a new Plan Administrator is selected. The County will include performance guarantees in the Contract.

STD/LTD

The Disability Salary Continuance Plan is the formal name for what is commonly referred to as a shortterm and long-term disability plan. The County provides self-insured Short Term Disability (STD) benefits and fully insured Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits to approximately 2,086 covered employees. Covered employees include full time employees within the Administrative Management, Executive Management, Law Management, Attorney, and Craft & Plant Units. The Plan Documents that have been adopted by the County's Board of Supervisors are attached. The Disability Salary Continuance Plan provides covered employees with up to 60% of covered earnings when they become disabled. The maximum benefit period is 26 bi weekly pay periods (1 year). After the maximum benefit period under the Disability Salary Continuance Plan, covered employees may also be eligible for long term disability benefits. The Disability Salary Continuance Plan Administrator will coordinate the transition of the Disability Salary Continuance claim to Long Term Disability.

The Disability Salary Continuance Plan provisions for each unit are essentially the same except for the maximum monthly benefit amount. The minimum benefit for all units is \$50.00.

In summary, Disability Salary Continuance Plan administration includes claims processing (i.e., receive claim, verify eligibility, review claim for completion, obtain clarification from provider or claimant as required, and determine benefits), issuing benefit checks, issuing W-2s, providing customer service to eligible employees and providing claim activity reports, fund activity reports and analysis data as required by the County. Administrative services shall be performed within the timeframes agreed upon by the County and the Plan Administrator. Claims are paid through an imprest account at a bank mutually determined by the Administrator and the County of Orange. Benefit checks are issued weekly.

Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan

The County provides a self-insured Disability Income Protection Plan to individuals appointed as Reserve Deputy Sheriffs if injuries, which are sustained while performing assigned duties as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, result in a total or partial disability. Although this benefit has been in effect since March 1984, there has only been one claim filed since the inception of this Disability Income Protection Plan. The Plan document that has been adopted by the County's Board of Supervisors for the Disability Income Protection Plan is attached.

For a total disability, the Disability Income Protection benefit is \$250 per week and may not exceed 67% of the gross income normally received as the result of regular employment. For a partial disability, the

Disability Income Protection benefit is \$125 per week. Disability Income Protection benefits are combined with Workers' Compensation and any other sources of income. The maximum benefit is 104 weeks following the three day elimination period.

In summary, the Disability Income Protection Plan administration also includes claims processing (i.e., receive claim, verify eligibility, review claim for completion, obtain clarification from provider or claimant as required, determine benefits), issuing benefit checks, issuing W 2s, providing customer service to eligible employees with questions and providing claim activity reports, fund activity reports and analysis data as required by the County. However, this will only take place when a claim is filed. Administrator services shall be performed within the timeframes agreed upon by the County and the Plan Administrator. Claims are paid through an imprest account at a bank mutually determined by the Administrator and the County of Orange. Benefit checks are issued weekly. The above administration is only required if/when a claim is filed. As a reminder, only one claim has been filed since inception of the Plans.

II. Definitions

- a. *The Board*. The Board of Supervisors for the County of Orange is the legislative and policy making body of the County and is responsible for the review and approval of all service agreements and/or contracts with the County.
- b. *Employee Benefits Division*. A division of Human Resource Services of the County responsible for the design, implementation and on going administration of the County's various employee benefit plans and programs.
- c. *Human Resource Services.* (HRS) The County's HRS department is comprised of various divisions and sections that provide a wide array of personnel and employee services to County departments and agencies. The Chief Human Resource Officer reports directly to the County Executive Officer (CEO).

Contractor agrees to administer the County's self-insured Short Term Disability Plan, and the Reserve Deputy Sheriff Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Disability Income Protection Plan in accordance with the Plan Documents attached hereto as Exhibits I, II, and III, including subsequent amendments provided by the County for each employee unit that is to receive Short Term Disability Plan benefits, and to act as the representative of the County in matters related to the above referenced plans, and agrees further to provide the County during the terms of this Contract all the services detailed below.

I. Short Term Disability (STD)

The Short Term Disability Plan is provided to covered full-time employees within the Administrative Management, Executive Management, Law Management, Attorney, and Craft & Plant Units and part-time employees in the Attorney Unit. The plan provides covered employees with up to 60% of covered earnings when they become disabled. The maximum benefit period is 1 year. The Short Term Disability Contractor coordinates the transition of the Short Term Disability claim to Long Term Disability if applicable.

II. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan

The self-insured Reserve Deputy Sheriff Accidental Death & Dismemberment and Disability Income Protection Plan is provided to individuals appointed as Reserve Deputy Sheriffs in the event an injury is sustained while performing assigned duties as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, and injury result I a total or partial disability. Administration is only required if/when a claim is filed.

III. Long Term Disability

Contractor agrees to provide Long Term Disability Insurance and administer Long Term disability benefits for covered employees in accordance with the Long Term Disability Policy attached hereto as Exhibit III. Covered employees include full-time employees within the Administrative Management, Executive Management, Law Management, Attorney, and Craft & Plant Units and part-time employees in the Attorney Unit. Long Term Disability benefits provide covered employees up to 60% of covered earnings after the maximum benefit period under the Long Term Disability Policy once the Short Term Disability Plan is exhausted.

IVIII. <u>Scope of Services</u>

a. Claims Filing Procedure

- 1. Disabled employees can obtain claim form and W-4 forms through the County of Orange Benefits Center web site or by contacting the County's Benefits Resource line.
- 2. Employee is instructed to complete the appropriate sections, have his/her physician complete the certification of the disability section and return all forms to the County of Orange Employee Benefits Office.
- 3. Upon receipt of completed claim form, County of Orange Employee Benefits will verify eligibility, last day worked and the last day employee was paid sick (192 hours of annual leave). (*sick/**annual leave applies to Disability Salary Continuance Plan only. *Sick leave applies to Craft and Plant Unit, Court Executive Management, Court Management, Outside District Management. **192 hours Annual leave applies to Administrative Management, Executive Management, Law Enforcement Management and Attorneys.)
- 4. County of Orange Employee Benefits will forward claim form and W-4 to Plan Administrator Contractor for benefit determination and further processing.

b. Administrative Services (Submit as Response to Offeror's Proposal Questionnaire, Proposal Description, page 19, A)

Contractor shall:

- 1. Provide the fully-insured Long Term Disability (LTD) Plan and the administration of self-insured Short Term Disability (STD) Plan, and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan in accordance with the Plan documents, including subsequent amendments, provided by the County for the unit that is eligible to receive benefits, and act as the representative of the County in matters related to the County's LTD, STD and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan.
- 2. Maintain experienced staff (i.e., account management, claims, customer service) for provision of the County's LTD, and the administration of STD and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan. At minimum, County designated Account Management staff should have at least a Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of five years' experience working with plans similar to the County plans. Other staff members should have at least three years' experience working in their field of expertise. Important Note: The County reserves (1) the right to be notified, in advance, of any changes in staff assigned to the Contract, and (2) the right to request reassignment or removal

of staff members that, in the County's opinion, do not adequately perform required services to effectively administer the plan.

- 3. Maintain customer service hours with a toll-free number Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. 5 p.m. (Pacific Time).
- 4. Take reasonable and effective precautions to prevent payment of fraudulent claims.
- 5. Maintain sound and accepted professional practices for the control of claims.
- 6. Provide professional review of claims to determine disability, the initial and continuing benefit eligibility, the appropriateness of treatment, and the appropriateness of an employee's return to work. This review should be performed by a health care professional, which may include a nurse case manager or medical doctor and should take place within 10 working days of receipt of claim or, another timeframe mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor Plan Administrator. On an as needed basis, the professional review shall also include assistance to the County in determining appropriate alternatives of rehabilitation, rehabilitative employment job structuring and ability to perform modified tasks or assignments.
- 7. Coordinate with the County's Risk Management Department to verify eligibility of workers' compensation benefits when a claimant indicates that injury and/or illness resulted from a work related incident. File a lien when verification is received from Risk Management that claimant has submitted a workers' compensation claim.
- 8. Coordinate with the Orange County Employees Retirement System, or other non-County and County agencies from which claimant receives income while eligible for a Disability Salary Continuance benefit.
- 9. Notify claimants of ineligible claims and the reason for ineligibility within 10 working days of receipt of claim or within a timeframe mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor Plan Administrator.
- 10. Assist the County in establishing procedures for making adjustments for underpayments and requesting recoupment for overpayments. Once procedures are established, provide the designated services for making the adjustment or requesting recoupment, within a timeframe mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor Plan Administrator. Notify the claimant of the underpayment or overpayment identified by County or by Contractor via normal auditing process. and forward a copy of the notification to the County at the same time the notice is sent to the claimant. Notify the County when an underpayment or overpayment is identified by the Contractor.
- 11. Communicate, in appropriate instances, with physicians, hospitals, or other persons or institutions supplying medical and/or dental services, in order to clarify or verify disability and claims submitted by employees. Properly document when this action is required to research a claim. Documentation should be made available to the County upon request when permitted by applicable law.
- 12. Respond to each claim with either:
 - a) A payment from funds provided by the County by the dates consistent with County pay dates; or
 - b) An explanation of delay or denial within 10 working days of receipt of claim or timeframe mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor Plan Administrator. Provide the

County with a decision letter. copy of the correspondence on the same day it is sent to the claimant.

- 13. Compute tax withholding on benefit payments issuing separate checks to the County of Orange for deposit of withholding with government agencies.
- 14. Maintain records and accounts of the operation of the Plan and to provide periodic reports to the County. Specifically, the following is required:
 - a) An itemized list of benefits paid, showing type of claim, amount paid, date of occurrence, duration of claim, number of benefit days paid, and monthly and year to date payments. claim status and payroll designation of claimant. Such designation to be itemized by the specific representation unit and fund unit of each claimant. This is due monthly. on each County pay date.
 - b) A check or draft register listing, by number, report showing all disbursements prepared by the Contractor Plan Administrator and forwarded to the County during the month including deposits for tax payments. This is due monthly. on each County pay date.
 - c) A reconciliation of the fund bank account based upon statements and cancelled checks forwarded to the Plan Administrator by the banking institution providing services. This is due by the 15th of each month after the end of the activity month (preceding month).
- 15. For eligible claims only, Ftrack duration of Disability Salary Continuance and coordinate the transition of Disability Salary Continuance to LTD by providing the LTD claim form to claimants at the thirty-second (32nd) week of Disability Salary Continuance benefits. Provide a copy of the cover letter sent with the LTD claim form to the County of Orange at the same time the LTD claim form is sent to the claimant. This process would involve coordination with the County's LTD claims administrator/vendor. The requirements of this section do not apply to claims with anticipated recovery dates that are prior to the LTD start date and they do not apply to claims denied based on Workers' Compensation. The requirements of this section also not apply when an LTD claim form is not required for rollover claims.
- 16. Annually prepare and distribute W-2 forms using Contractor's EIN to claimants who received disbursements that were made under the terms of the County's Salary Continuation Plan within the federally mandated timeframes. Prepare and include a personalized benefits statement detailing benefits paid and withholding for tax purposes. This personalized benefits statement should be included with the W-2. Annually provide to the County copies of each benefits statement along with a report detailing all W-2 distributions within 10 working days of the W-2 distribution to claimants.
- 17. Have proper systems in place to track and maintain all claimant information, claims activity and fund activity.
- 18. Provide LTD forms including W-4 in PDF format.
- 19. Provide "read only" access to the County's Program Manager to view approved and denied STD and LTD claims.
- 20. Coordinate STD, LTD and Catastrophic leave (e.g. donated leave) benefits for eligible employees when County gives Contractor adequate information about the Catastrophic leave benefits provided.

- 21. Store and maintain claims records safely and for a time as proscribed by applicable law minimum, of five (5) years beyond the end of the fiscal year in which claim is made, or a longer period of time as necessary in the case of litigated claims.
- 22. Assist the County in the revision of the Plan Document and to incorporate revisions, additions or amendments to the Plan administration.
- 23. Recommend legal counsel for any legally disputed claims and assist legal counsel in the preparation of any litigated cases. Provide to the County information necessary for defense of any litigated STD claims.
- 24. Assist the County with information necessary to perform periodic audits of fiscal procedures and claims processing and respond to all audit recommendations as requested by the County within the timeframe mutually agreed upon by the County and the Plan Administrator at the time of the request.
- 25. Ensure administrative fees are not used to make benefit payments.
- 26. Subject to applicable law, Pprovide the County with information on claims upon request to assist the County in resolving problems that claimants have with the processing or payment of their claims.
- 27. Provide an annual management report to the County each year during the term of the Contract, summarizing the Plan's activity during the preceding year and providing cost estimates for the ensuing year. Report should also include the following information:
 - 1. Number of new claims in Plan year
 - 2. Average open claims per month
 - 3. Average claims pay out per month
 - 4. Average length of a claim
 - 5. Average number of checks per claimhecks
 - 6. Average number of STD claims that transition to an LTD claim. required Long Term Disability information
 - 7. Top 3 diagnosis/prognosis

The annual management report will be available 6045 days after close of plan year.

- 28. Provide all necessary assistance and advice to the County in the assumption of administrative responsibilities of the Disability Salary Continuance Plan and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan.
- 29. Provide services to County employees who are eligible under the Disability Salary Continuance Plan and the Reserve Disability Income Protection Plan benefits within the state of California or outside the state of California.
- 30. In the event of the termination of the Contract, provide copies of all files necessary to transfer records of each member's history of claims at a cost of computer time within 30 days of the termination of the Contract. Deliver all records, accounts of operation and claimant claim files to the County.
- 31. Furnish, at Contractor's expense, professional claims review and investigation services as deemed necessary by the Contractor Plan Administrator or the County.

- 32. Furnish, at Contractor's expense, actuarial services and consultation to assist the County with Plan Document revisions(s) and determination of funding requirements.
- 33. In addition to paper claim submission, provide telephonic claim intake service to provide a convenient and efficient way for employees to initiate a claim by calling an 800# that is designated for the County.

Attachment B

Cost/Compensation

1. Compensation

This is a fixed price Contract between the County of Orange and Contractor for the Provision of the Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, and Administration of the Short Term Disability Insurance Plan and the Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection plans as provided in Attachment A, Scope of Work. County agrees to compensate the Contractor per firm fixed price contract as set forth below. Contractor agrees to accept the same as full compensation for performing all services and furnishings all staffing and materials called for; and for risks connected with the services; and for performance by Contractor of all its duties and obligations hereunder.

Provide proposed cost for a, b and c below:

<u>RATES</u>

A. Long Term Disability Insurance:

	Assumed Volume Monthly Rates per \$1 dollar of monthly covered payroll	Proposed Vendor Rates
Class 1 - Administrative Management	0.00117	
Class 2 - Attorneys	0.0070	
Class 3 - Craft And Plant	0.0602	
Class 4 - Law Management	0.0147	
Class 5 - Executive Management	0.0115	

B. Short Term Disability – Administrative Service Only Fee: <u>\$1.57* per member, per month</u>

C. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan – Administrative Service Only Fee: <u>\$135 per claim</u>

D. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan – Administrative Service Only Fee: \$135 per claim

2. Contractor's Expense

The Contractor will be responsible for all costs related to photo copying, telephone communications, fax communications, and parking during the performance of work and services under this Contract. The County will not provide free parking for any service in the County Civic Center.

3. Firm Pricing Structure: Contractor guarantees that prices quoted are equal to or less than prices quoted to any other local, State or Federal government entity for services of equal or lesser scope. Contractor agrees that no price increases shall be passed along to the County during the term of this Contract not otherwise specified and provided for within this Contract.

4. Payment Terms: Payment for Long-term disability premium and Short-term Disability administrative service fees will be based upon number of employees and associated rates as provided by the County to Contractor on the monthly Premium Report. Payment for the month will be made on or before the 30th day of each month, representing payment for the services provided in the current month (i.e. payment for the month of January will be paid by January 30th).

Invoices for Reserve Deputy Sheriff Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan administrative services fees are to be submitted in arrears to the County Program Manager, unless otherwise directed in this Contract. Contractor shall reference contract number on invoice. Payment will be net 30 days after receipt of an invoice in a format acceptable to the County of Orange and verified and approved by the agency/department and subject to routine processing requirements. The responsibility for providing an acceptable invoice rests with the Contractor. Billing shall cover services and/or goods not previously invoiced. The Contractor shall reimburse the County of Orange for any monies paid to the Contractor for goods or services not provided or when goods or services do not meet the Contract requirements.

Payments made by the County shall not preclude the right of the County from thereafter disputing any items or services involved or billed under this Contract and shall not be construed as acceptance of any part of the goods or services.

- 5. Payment Invoicing Instructions: The Contractor will provide a billing statement to the County with information sufficient for the County to determine the premiums and fees owed. The Contractor will provide billing statements via email as requested by the County. an invoice on the Contractor's letterhead for services rendered. Each invoice will have a number and will include the following information:
 - 1. Contractor's name and address
 - 2. Contractor's remittance address, if different from 1 above
 - 3. Name of County agency/department
 - 4. Contractor/Subordinate contract or number
 - 5. Type of fees/service
 - 6. Sales tax, if applicable
 - 7. Dates of fees/service
 - 8. Brief description of fees/service
 - 9. Contractor's Federal I.D. Number

The Contractor shall be fully responsible for providing an acceptable invoice to the County. Incomplete or incorrect invoices are not acceptable and will be returned to the Contractor for correction.

The County's Program Manager, or designee, is responsible for approval of invoices and subsequent submittal of invoices to the Auditor-Controller for processing of payment. The responsibility for providing an acceptable invoice to the County for payment rests with the Contractor. Incomplete or incorrect invoices are not acceptable and will be returned to the Contractor for correction.

Invoices and support documentation are to be forwarded to:

Diana Banzet, Program Manager Human Resource Services/Employee Benefits Hall of Administration 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Room 137 Santa Ana, CA 92701

Attachment C

Proposed Project Schedule/Implementation Plan

(Complete and submit as Response to Offeror's Proposal Questionnaire, Implementation, page 19, C)

The Offeror's Proposal must contain a project schedule with time frames for Provision of Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, and Administration of Short Term Disability Insurance, and Disability Income Protection plans with a start date of January 1, 2016. The Offeror shall demonstrate how the required services as outlined in Attachment A, Scope of Work, shall be accomplished. The Offeror's plan shall be in terms of elapsed days or weeks from issuance of the notice to proceed and shall minimally identify the task, the number and level of personnel required and an estimate of time for completion. The Offeror's schedule must be approved by the County and may be subject to revision in accordance with the terms of the final Contract.

The approved Implementation Plan and Project Schedule shall be incorporated into the Contract.

Attachment C **Đ**

Staffing Plan

1. Primary Staff to perform Contract duties

Name	Classification/Title	Experience/Qualifications
Teresa Lollar	Account Manager	
Kari Fuhrman-Dobson	Senior Employee Benefits Consultant	
Geoff Clarkson	National Accounts Underwriter	
Renae Hall	Team Lead II, Contracts	
Catrina Hua	Policy Administration Specialist	

2. Alternate staff (for use only if primary staff are not available)

Name	Classification/Title	Experience/Qualifications
AMResponse@standard.com	Email alias which reaches every	
	Account Manager in The	
	Standard's Orange, Los Angeles,	
	and Phoenix offices service	
	grouping	

Articles 22 and 23 of this Contract govern any changes to Contractor's key personnel. Substitution or addition of Contractor's key personnel in any given category or classification shall be allowed only with prior written approval of the County's Project Manager.

The Contractor may reserve the right to involve other personnel, as their services are required. The specific individuals will be assigned based on the need and timing of the service/class required. Assignment of additional key personnel shall be subject to County's Project Manager approval. County reserves the right to have any of Contractor personnel removed from providing services to County under this Contract. County is not required to provide any reason for the request for removal of any Contractor personnel.

3. Sub-contractor(s)

In accordance with Article 12 "Assignment or Sub-Contracting", listed below are Sub-contractor(s) anticipated by Contractor to perform services specified in Attachment A, Scope of Work.

Company Name	Staff Name
N/A	

Attachment **D**E

Performance Guarantees

(Complete and submit as Response to Offeror's Proposal Questionnaire, Performance Guarantees page 20, F)

Contractor shall report to the County quarterly or upon other frequency if noted below, within 45 days after close of the reporting period, on its satisfaction of each of the performance standards on the following page.

Contractor will place an amount/percentage at risk if the stated standard(s) are not met.

Attachment E F

Account Management Report Card

Rating Methodology:	
5 = Completely Satisfied	Client/Company Name:
4 = Very Satisfied	Completed By (please print):
3 = Satisfied	Client Signature
2 = Somewhat Satisfied	Date completed:
1 = Dissatisfied	Telephone #:

County will complete the box with the score that most closely reflects the level of satisfaction with the local account management team with respect to the following service categories. A separate quarterly report card will be completed, signed and dated each quarter.

Measurable Need	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual Composite Score
1. Provides County with timely notification of issues impacting plan and/or participants					
2. Responds to participant issues & questions in a timely, comprehensive manner.					
3. Develops, follows through on action plans; effective coordination to resolve open issues.					
4. Is accessible and attends scheduled meetings.					
5. Delivers agreed upon reports and communication of Contractor results on time.					
Account Management Composite Score (All Categories)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Fill in for each quarterly period: Date Sent to Client: Date Returned by Client:

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_/ /	_/ /	/ /	_/ /

At the end of each quarterly period, Contractor will forward Account Management Report Card to County for completion.

Following the end of the Term and receipt of the fourth (4^{th}) quarterly survey from the County, Contractor will calculate the composite score in each performance assessment category by averaging the scores for the four (4) quarters of the term. The assessments of each of the performance assessment categories will be weighed equally. The Account Management Commitment will be deemed as fulfilled if the average of the composite scores in each category ("Account Management Composite Score") is equal to or greater than the Account Management Composite Score") is equal to or greater than the Account Management Composite Score indicated on Attachment D E.

Attachment F

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

THIS CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into on the 1st day of January, 2016, by and between County of Orange ("Policyholder") and Standard Insurance Company ("The Standard").

Standard Insurance Company issued group long term disability and group life insurance coverage to certain employees of the Policyholder, covering certain employees.

The Standard agrees to the follow requirements below.

1. Obligations of The Standard

The Standard agrees to:

- a) Not use or disclose health information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as permitted or required by law;
- b) Use and follow appropriate data safeguarding requirements as required by law;
- c) Comply with applicable security incident or breach laws, including meeting breach notification requirements;
- d) Ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit health information on behalf of The Standard agree to comply with applicable privacy and data safeguarding laws and regulations, and to notify The Standard of suspected or known security incidents or breaches related to the data;
- Add additional health information to The Standard's records upon request; however, deletions will not be agreed to; and
- f) Provide an accounting to individuals or their legal representative upon request (after confirmation of appropriate legal status), of disclosures made by The Standard of health information, when required by applicable laws.
 - 2. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by The Standard

The Standard agrees to:

- a) Use or disclose health information only as required or allowed by law;
- b) Make uses, disclosures and requests for health information consistent with its business need to know policy;
- c) Not use or disclose health information in a manner that would violate applicable privacy or data safeguarding laws; and
- d) Use health information for the proper management and administration of its business and to carry out its legal responsibilities.

The Standard shall provide Policyholder with a Privacy Notice as required by the Graham-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), including changes in the Privacy Notice. This notice identifies information that The Standard may gather and may disclose.

4. Termination

The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the date below, and shall terminate immediately upon request by the Policyholder, or when the group policies, insurance contracts, are terminated by the Policyholder or by The Standard, consistent with the insurance contracts.

Upon termination of this Agreement The Standard shall:

- Retain health information which is necessary to continue its business functions or to carry out its legal responsibilities, including meeting record retention requirements; and
- b) Continue to use appropriate safeguards over health information retained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be duly executed in The Standard's name as of the ______ day of ______, 2015.

STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

By

Print Name _____

Print Title

Date

Attachment G

(Complete and submit as Response to Offeror's Proposal Questionnaire, page 20, G)

Disability RFP Questionnaire

Respond to each of the statements below (with comments as appropriate)

General	Yes/No	Comments
¹ The rates / fees / premiums quoted are final and considered firm, regardless of experience or actual enrollment as of the January 1, 2016 effective date		
² The current and proposed plan designs can and will be duplicated without exception.		
Example 2 Contractor agrees to send copies of all employee correspondence to County of Orange.		
 ⁴ Any planned change in the designated team personnel will be communicated to County of Orange by phone and in writing at least 14 calendar days prior to the effective date, including reason for the personnel change. New team members are expected to undergo the same level of training. 		
The supplier's dedicated intake team will be fully trained in both customer service skills and the nuances of the County of Orange plans, policies, and programs. Training may be conducted with the County of Orange personnel oversight.		

€	Contractor will have responsibility for		
	obtaining the following STD information		
	from the attending physician telephonically		
	during the initial contact and telephonically or		
	by written documentation throughout the		
	duration of the claim.		
	a. Diagnosis		
	b. Objective medical findings supporting		
	diagnosis		
	c. Prognosis		
	d. Treatment plan		
	e. Functional abilities		
	f. Expected Return to Work date		
	g. Written claim documentation including		
	physician notes		
	Please include your current ratings from the		
	following organizations:		
	- Fitch (formerly Duff & Phelps)		
	• Moody's		
	· A. M. Best's		
	· Standard & Poor's		
8	Are any of the benefits included in this		
	proposal reinsured with another insurance		
	company? If so, please provide the name of		
	the reinsurer, a description of the reinsurance		
	arrangement, the next renewal date for that		
	arrangement, and the current ratings for the		
	reinsurer from the following organizations: - Fitch (formerly Duff & Phelps)		
	Moody's		
	• A. M. Best's		
	- Standard & Poor's		
Clier	nt Management/Partnership	Yes/No	Comments
9	Contractor agrees to Performance Standards		
	as described in Attachment E.		
4	Contractor is responsible for monitoring		
	phone statistics and caseloads on a daily		
	basis to ensure that minimum standards are		
	met. Unit supervisor is responsible for		
	ensuring that adequate staffing levels are		
	maintained.		
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+1	Contractor will provide assistance in training the County of Orange representatives from the benefits area and Employee Benefits. This training may include on line report access, invoicing, etc.		
12	Contractor will provide the County of Orange and its designee unrestricted access to all claim files, notes, systems, and dedicated personnel for annual onsite audit purposes.		
LTD-	& STD Payment	Yes/No	Comments
13	Contractor will calculate benefit rates by Contract, plan or policy for LTD and STD and issue checks. In addition, the Contractor will verify salary with County of Orange prior to the calculation of benefit rates.		
14	Contractor will calculate retroactive adjustments as permitted by statutes, contract, plans and policies based upon offset information.		
15	Contractor must have the capability to change benefit deductions during the life of the claim.		
16	Contractor will have an automated process for recurring benefit calculations.		
15	Contractor will coordinate offsets and overpayment recovery activities. Contractor will have an overpayment recovery process.		
18	Contractor will maintain all benefit calculation records and file documentation (hard copy and electronic) for a period of minimally eight years for disability.		
19	Contractor will issue W-2s to all claimants under Contractor EIN.		
Quali	t y Management (QM)	Yes/No	Comments
-24	Contractor will electronically store information on all calls, received or initiated. The information captured should include a date/time stamp, the parties involved in the call and a classification type.		
21	Contractor will electronically store all disability management and claims information in its claims management system.		

22	Contractor will perform periodic internal audits, using statistically based selection criteria.		
Repor	rting / Program Measurement Tools	Yes/No	Comments
23	Contractor will provide standard reports and analysis on a monthly/quarterly/annual basis.		
Techr	nology Systems General	Yes/No	Comments
24	Contractor has a backup system capable of supporting disaster recovery efforts. The plan is written and has been tested.		
25	Contractor will accept, maintain, and utilize demographic information from The County of Orange and/or its other benefits administrators electronically.		
20	Which claim office location will be used to service the County of Orange?		
51	 Describe the methods in which you can accept claims from employees: a) Telephonically via toll free number b) Electronically via internet c) For incapacitated employees, describe the other individuals who can file a claim 		
28	Can you provide "warm" transfers to other County programs, such as workers compensation, employee benefits or the benefits center?		
29	Explain how your organization tracks caseloads and how caseload standards are maintained.		
3(Explain your back-up plan to service clients in the event of staff absence, promotion or termination and identify in what situation there is notification to the client. Do you have any time in position agreements in place with any current clients?		
31	What percentage of trainees' claims are reviewed prior to release and or how long does this review occur?		

A_Pro	oducts and Services	
A. I I	and be vices	
32	For 2014, provide the following information regarding your disability business: a) # of contracts for STD	
	b) # of covered employees for STD	
	c) # of contracts for LTD	
	d) # of covered employees for LTD	
B. Int	erface Experience	
33	How do you interface with the case	
	management efforts of the medical vendor?	
C. Ini	tial Reporting / Claims Notification	
34	Describe your IVR capabilities supporting claim intake and customer service. Your response should address both information available through your IVR (e.g., payment status)and system prompts	
35	What approach do you use to obtain a release of medical information from claimants and does this approach differ with various claim intake models? Provide a sample of the medical release forms you use.	
36	What approach do you use to handle and track re-occurring LTD claims? Is there coordination between open and closed claims?	
37	What approach do you use to handle and track re-occurring STD claims? Is there coordination between open and closed claims?	
D. Bei	nefit Determination (Initial & Ongoing)	
38	What criteria are used by the nurses/case managers to make disability determination decisions?	
39	Describe, step by step, how STD/LTD cases are monitored, tracked and reported once approved.	
40	What is your time standard for making a disability determination for both STD and LTD (specify calendar or workdays)?	
41	How is compliance with this standard tracked?	33

4 2.	What were your LTD benefit determination turn-around time results for 2012 to 2014 for the claim office to which the County of Orange would be assigned (specify calendar or work days)?	2012	2013	201 4
	From the first notification of claim:			
	From the time that all required information was received			
4 3.	What were your STD benefit determination turn-around time results for 2012 to 2014 for the claim office to which the County of Orange would be assigned (specify calendar or work days)?	2012	2013	201 4
	From the first notification of claim:			
	From the time that all required information was received:			
E. Cl	inical Case Management			
44.	For each of the following questions, describe your organization's general handling procedures and acknowledge any differences that will be required for the County of Orange:			
	 a. How is the clinical case management process initiated? 			
	b. What percent of disability cases typically fall under active clinical case management?			
	c. What checks and balances are in place to ensure the cases that meet referral criteria will in fact be referred?			
4 5.	Will claim management and clinical management be administered at the same location?			
F. Be	havioral Health and Disability Integration	<u></u>		
4 6.	Do you have any special processes and/or staffing in place for handling behavioral health disability claims? Please describe in detail. Are there designated case managers who are responsible for monitoring behavioral health disability cases? Are they co-located with other staff?			

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47.	Please describe your process of identifying a	
	behavioral health issue when a claim is	
	presented initially as a physical health	
	disability claim, and the process for linking this information to the behavioral health	
	vendor and/or internal behavioral health	
	specialty unit.	
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48.	What criteria are used for behavioral health	
	IMEs?	
G. Cl	laim Management	
49.	Describe the procedures and edits that are	
	applied when claims are pended or denied.	
50.	How is the clinical case management process	
	initiated?	
51.	Who screens cases for clinical case	
	management? What criteria are applied? Are	
	these written criteria? Are there system	
	edits?	
52.	How are cases assigned to individual Nurse	
	Case Managers?	
53.	What checks and balances are in place to	
55.	ensure that the cases that meet referral	
	criteria are, in fact, referred?	
54.	Who makes the decision to refer a case for	
54.	physician review? What specific criteria	
	trigger a case for physician review? What	
	percent of claims are referred for physician	
	review (not an IME)?	
	a. STD	
	b. LTD	
55.	Who provides the physician review services?	
	Explain data interfaces between physician	
	and case manager. What is the expected	
	turnaround time for a review?	
56.	Describe your organization's capabilities and	
	resources utilized to identify and refer	
	potential fraud and abuse cases?	
57.	Describe any situations in which employees	
	of your company or a contracted vendor	
	would need to visit a disabled employee at	
	their residence?	

-H. C	hange in the Definition of Disability		
58.	What additional information is requested when the file changes from an STD to an LTD claim?		
59.	What additional information is requested when the LTD claim moves from own occupation to any occupation?		
60.	What tools (e.g., IMEs, FECs, Dictionary of Occupational Titles) are used in the test change determination?		
I. Cla	nim Denial / Appeal Procedures	Reviewed by Another Party?	Who Reviews?
61.	Are all claims automatically reviewed by another party prior to release of the denial decision? If so, when and who is responsible for the review?		
	 a) Administrative reasons? (e.g., employee does not meet eligibility requirements) 		
	b) Clinical reason? (e.g., medical evidence does not support continuing disability)		
62.	Describe your standard appeal procedure for each benefit type, including turnaround time standards and actual 2014 performance measures.		
63.	How will claim denials, requests for reconsideration, appeals and review decisions be communicated to County of Orange?		
J. Re	turn to Work Coordination	1	
64.	Describe how your staff will coordinate Return To Work with County of Orange for the following:		
	a. Identifying residual work capacity		
	b. Identifying transitional work opportunities with County of Orange.		
	c. Discussing opportunities with the treating provider.		
	d.Communicating with the employee regarding transitional work		
	e. Following up with all involved parties regarding status upgrades.		

	ffsets / Subrogation	
65.	What procedures are in place to assure timely and accurate coordination of supplements and offsets (e.g., Workers' Compensation, Catastrophic Leave Donations)?	
66.	Does your organization actively pursue subrogation opportunities? What criteria are used for exploring cases with potential subrogation? What resources are used to pursue these dollars?	
L. In	formation Systems	
67.	Describe on line systems available to County of Orange to run ad hoc reports. Are there any additional charges for this service?	
68.	How long has the claim management office recommended for County of Orange been in operation?	
69.	Do you anticipate any changes to the claims system over the next two years? If so, how will they affect the claims system used for County of Orange?	
<u>М. С</u>	ustomer Service / Quality Assurance	
70.	What types of measurement tools are used	
	(e.g. satisfaction surveys) to assess customer satisfaction and quality assurance? What have your satisfaction rates been for the last two years? How often are surveys conducted? Are they done by internal or external sources? How are clients notified of their results?	
71.	satisfaction and quality assurance? What have your satisfaction rates been for the last two years? How often are surveys conducted? Are they done by internal or external sources? How are clients notified of	
71.	 satisfaction and quality assurance? What have your satisfaction rates been for the last two years? How often are surveys conducted? Are they done by internal or external sources? How are clients notified of their results? What policies, procedures, or protocols, if any, exist to identify deficiencies in the case management process? For example, would repeat disabilities for the same individual trigger a referral to a senior person in the 	

N. In	dependent Medical Examinations			
74.	Are specific time frames contractually required for the following:		Yes / No	If Yes, Required Timing
		Scheduling the exam?		
		Obtaining telephonic notice of		
		result? Obtaining written result?		
75.	What steps are taken if the IME provider disagrees with the attending physician regarding the employee's disability?			
76.	Are IME physicians required to have any special accreditation? If so, what type?			
0. T	echnology/Systems			
77.	Describe the system that supports your integrated disability management services, including:			
	Intake/customer service LTD Administration LTD Claim Payment LTD Clinical Case Management STD Administration STD Claim Payment			
	STD Claim Payment STD Clinical Case Management			

Other Information

a. Are there areas of services that were not designated in Section III, Attachment A, Scope of Work, that you would recommend be added to the services your firm would provide to the County?

b. Describe additional value added services, not captured in the RFP, your firm would provide to the County?

Attachment H

(Complete and submit as Response to Offeror's Proposal Questionnaire, page 20, H)

Current/Proposed Plan Design

Long Term Disability Plan Design

Complete plan design tables and clearly indicate any deviations to the current plans.

	Current The Standard	Proposed
LTD		
Benefit Percentage	60%	
Maximum Monthly Benefit		
Class 1 - Administrative Management	\$12,000	
Class 2 - Attorneys	\$7,200	
Class 3 - Craft And Plant	\$2,000	
Class 4 - Law Management	\$12,000	
Class 5 - Executive Management	\$12,000	
Minimum Monthly Benefit	\$50	
Elimination Period	1 Year	
	61 or younger: To age 65, or 3 years 6	
	months, if longer.	
	62: 3 years 6 months	
	63: 3 years	
Benefit Duration	64: 2 years 6 months	
Benefit Duration	65: 2 years	
	66: 1 year 9 months 67: 1 year 6 months	
	68: 1 year 3 months	
	69 or older: 1 year	
Pre-existing Condition Limitation	3/12 Months	
Prudent Person Definition		
Own Occupation	24 Months	
Partial Disability	80%	
Recurrent Disability	6 months	
Return to Work	Included, up to \$25,000 reasonable	
	accomodation expense benefit	
Family Care Expense Benefits	Included, up to \$250 per month	
	reduction in work earnings	
	up to 30 months for loss of 2 or more eyes, hands or feet	
Special Dismemberment Benefit	up to 6 months for loss of an eye, hand	
	or foot	
Mental Health Limitation	2 Years	
Substance Abuse Limitation Lifetime	18 months	
Survivor Benefit	3 Months	

Short Term Disability Plan Design

	Current The Standard	Proposed
STD		
Benefit Percentage	60%	
Elimination Period	7 days plus use of leave which varies by Class	
Minimum Monthly Benefit	\$50	
Maximum Benefit Period	periods	
Pre-existing Condition Limitation	3/12 Months	
Partial Disability	Included up to 180 days	
Special Dismemberment Benefit	Included	
Substance Abuse Limitation Lifetime	12 months	
Survivor Benefit	3 Months (or 6 biweekly payperiods)	

<u>Attachment I</u>

Information as of January 2015

LTD Current Plan	Lives	Volume		Rates	January Premium
Class 1 – Executive Management, Superior Court Commissioners, Court Administrators, Superior Court Executive Officers	131	1902428	.178		3386.32
Class 2 and 3 – Court Management and Administrative Management	1212	10178044	.181		18422.26
Class 4 - Law Management	80	937171	.229	L	2146.12
Class 5 – Attorneys	562	5791381	.108		6254.69
Class 6 – Craft and Plant	121	410000	.935		3833.50
Short Term Disability	Administrative	Service Only F	ee	\$1.57 per enr	ollee/per month
Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan	Administrative	Service Only F	ee	\$135 per clair	n

Attachment J

LTD/STD Census Data

<u>Attachment K</u>

Claims Experience and Enrollment

<u>Attachment L</u>

Current Short Term Disability Plan Document

<u>Attachment M</u>

Current Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan Document

<u>Attachment N</u>

Current Long Term Disability Policy

Attachment O

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE CONTRACT

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND RECITALS

1. The Parties agree that the terms used, but not otherwise defined below in Paragraph B, shall have the same meaning given to such terms under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("the HITECH Act"), and their implementing regulations at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 ("the HIPAA regulations") as they may exist now or be hereafter amended.

2. The Parties agree that a business associate relationship under HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations between the Contractor and County arises to the extent that Contractor performs, or delegates to subcontractors to perform, functions or activities on behalf of County pursuant to, and as set forth in, the Contract MA XXX that are described in the definition of "Business Associate" in 45 CFR § 160.103.

3. The County wishes to disclose to Contractor certain information pursuant to the terms of the Contract MA-XXX, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI"), as defined below in Subparagraph B.10, to be used or disclosed in the course of providing services and activities pursuant to, and as set forth, in the Contract MA XXX.

4. The Parties intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI that may be created, received, maintained, transmitted, used, or disclosed pursuant to the Contract MA XXX in compliance with the applicable standards, implementation specifications, and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations as they may exist now or be hereafter amended.

5. The Parties understand and acknowledge that HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations do not pre empt any state statutes, rules, or regulations that are not otherwise pre empted by other Federal law(s) and impose more stringent requirements with respect to privacy of PHI.

6. The Parties understand that the HIPAA Privacy and Security rules, as defined below in Subparagraphs B.9 and B.14, apply to the Contractor in the same manner as they apply to a covered entity (County). Contractor agrees therefore to be in compliance at all times with the terms of this Business Associate Contract and the applicable standards, implementation specifications, and requirements of the Privacy and the Security rules, as they may exist now or be hereafter amended, with respect to PHI and electronic PHI created, received, maintained, transmitted, used, or disclosed pursuant to the Contract MA XXX.

B. DEFINITIONS

<u>1. "Administrative Safeguards</u>" are administrative actions, and policies and procedures, to manage the selection, development, implementation, and maintenance of security measures to protect electronic PHI and to manage the conduct of Contractor's workforce in relation to the protection of that information.

2. "Breach" means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule which compromises the security or privacy of the PHI.

a. Breach excludes:

i. Any unintentional acquisition, access, or use of PHI by a workforce member or person acting under the authority of Contractor or County, if such acquisition, access, or use was made in good faith and within the scope of authority and does not result in further use or disclosure in a manner not permitted under the Privacy Rule.

ii. Any inadvertent disclosure by a person who is authorized to access PHI at Contractor to another person authorized to access PHI at the Contractor, or organized health care arrangement in which County participates, and the information received as a result of such disclosure is not further used or disclosed in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

<u>iii.</u> A disclosure of PHI where Contractor or County has a good faith belief that an unauthorized person to whom the disclosure was made would not reasonably have been able to retain such information.

b. Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this definition, an acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule is presumed to be a breach unless Contractor demonstrates that there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised based on a risk assessment of at least the following factors:

i. The nature and extent of the PHI involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification:

ii. The unauthorized person who used the PHI or to whom the disclosure was made;

iii. Whether the PHI was actually acquired or viewed; and

iv. The extent to which the risk to the PHI has been mitigated.

<u>3. "Data Aggregation</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in 45 CFR § 164.501.

4. "Designated Record Set" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in 45 CFR § 164.501.

5. "Disclosure" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA regulations in 45 CFR § 160.103.

6. "<u>Health Care Operations</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in 45 CFR § 164.501.

7. "<u>Individual</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in 45 CFR § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.502(g).

8. "<u>Physical Safeguards</u>" are physical measures, policies, and procedures to protect CONTRACTOR's electronic information systems and related buildings and equipment, from natural and environmental hazards, and unauthorized intrusion.

9. "<u>The HIPAA Privacy Rule</u>" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E.

<u>10. "Protected Health Information</u>" or "<u>PHI</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA regulations in 45 CFR § 160.103.

11. "<u>Required by Law</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in 45 CFR §

<u>12. "Secretary</u>" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.

<u>13. "Security Incident</u>" means attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system. "Security incident" does not include trivial incidents that occur on a daily basis, such as scans, "pings", or unsuccessful attempts to penetrate computer

networks or servers maintained by Contractor.

<u>14. "The HIPAA Security Rule</u>" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of electronic PHI at 45 CFR Part 160, Part 162, and Part 164, Subparts A and C.

<u>15. "Subcontractor</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA regulations in 45 CFR § 160.103.

16. "Technical safeguards" means the technology and the policy and procedures for its use that protect electronic PHI and control access to it.

<u>17. "Unsecured PHI" or "PHI that is unsecured"</u> means PHI that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in the guidance issued on the HHS Web site.</u>

18. "Use" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA regulations in 45 CFR § 160.103.

— C. OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR AS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

1. Contractor agrees not to use or further disclose PHI County discloses to Contractor other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Contract or as required by law.

2. Contractor agrees to use appropriate safeguards, as provided for in this Business Associate Contract and the Contract MA XXX, to prevent use or disclosure of PHI County discloses to Contractor or Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County other than as provided for by this Business Associate Contract.

3. Contractor agrees to comply with the HIPAA Security Rule at Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic PHI County discloses to Contractor or Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County.

4. Contractor agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a Use or Disclosure of PHI by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Contract.

5. Contractor agrees to report to County immediately any Use or Disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Business Associate Contract of which Contractor becomes aware. Contractor must report Breaches of Unsecured PHI in accordance with Paragraph E below and as required by 45 CFR § 164.410.

6. Contractor agrees to ensure that any Subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of Contractor agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Business Associate Contract to Contractor with respect to such information.

7. Contractor agrees to provide access, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of a written request by County, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to County or, as directed by County, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR § 164.524.

8. Contractor agrees to make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that County directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.526 at the request of County or an Individual, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of said request by County. Contractor agrees to notify County in writing no later than ten (10) calendar days after said amendment is completed.

9. Contractor agrees to make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of, County available to County and the Secretary in a time and manner as determined by County or as designated by the Secretary for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

10. Contractor agrees to document any Disclosures of PHI County discloses to Contractor or Contractor ereates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County, and to make information related to such Disclosures available as would be required for County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of Disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528.

11. Contractor agrees to provide County or an Individual, as directed by County, in a time and manner to be determined by County, that information collected in accordance with the Contract MA XXX, in order to permit County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of Disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528.

12. Contractor agrees that to the extent Contractor carries out County's obligation under the HIPAA Privacy and/or Security rules Contractor will comply with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 164 that apply to County in the performance of such obligation.

— 13. Contractor shall work with County upon notification by Contractor to County of a Breach to properly determine if any Breach exclusions exist as defined in Subparagraph B.2.a above.

D. SECURITY RULE

1. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.306 and establish and maintain appropriate Administrative, Physical and Technical Safeguards in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.308, § 164.310, § 164.312, and § 164.316 with respect to electronic PHI County discloses to Contractor or Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County. Contractor shall follow generally accepted system security principles and the requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule pertaining to the security of electronic PHI.

2. Contractor shall ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit electronic PHI on behalf of Contractor agree through a contract with Contractor to the same restrictions and requirements contained in this Paragraph D of this Business Associate Contract.

3. Contractor shall report to County immediately any Security Incident of which it becomes aware. Contractor shall report Breaches of Unsecured PHI in accordance with Paragraph E below and as required by 45 CFR § 164.410.

E. BREACH DISCOVERY AND NOTIFICATION

1. Following the discovery of a Breach of Unsecured PHI, Contractor shall notify County of such Breach, however both Parties agree to a delay in the notification if so advised by a law enforcement official pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.412.

a. A Breach shall be treated as discovered by Contractor as of the first day on which such Breach is known to Contractor or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Contractor.

b. Contractor shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach, if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have known, to any person who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Contractor, as determined by federal common law of agency.

-2. Contractor shall provide the notification of the Breach immediately to the County Privacy Officer at

Thea Bullock, County Privacy Officer	Or Linda Le, Deputy County Privacy Officer
4 05 W. 5th Street	4 05 W. 5th Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701	Santa Ana, CA 92701

(714) 834-3154	(714) 834-4082
tbullock@ochca.com	lile@ochca.com
privacyofficer@ocgov.com	HIPAA@ochca.com

a. Contractor's notification may be oral, but shall be followed by written notification within 24 hours of the oral notification.

<u>3. Contractor's notification shall include, to the extent possible:</u>

a. The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Contractor to have been, accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed during the Breach;

b. Any other information that County is required to include in the notification to Individual under 45 CFR §164.404 (c) at the time Contractor is required to notify County or promptly thereafter as this information becomes available, even after the regulatory sixty (60) day period set forth in 45 CFR § 164.410 (b) has elapsed, including:

(1) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;

(2) A description of the types of Unsecured PHI that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);

(3) Any steps Individuals should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the Breach;

(4) A brief description of what Contractor is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to Individuals, and to protect against any future Breaches; and

(5) Contact procedures for Individuals to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.

4. County may require Contractor to provide notice to the Individual as required in 45 CFR § 164.404, if it is reasonable to do so under the circumstances, at the sole discretion of the County.

5. In the event that Contractor is responsible for a Breach of Unsecured PHI in violation of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Contractor shall have the burden of demonstrating that Contractor made all notifications to County consistent with this Paragraph E and as required by the Breach notification regulations, or, in the alternative, that the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI did not constitute a Breach.

6. Contractor shall maintain documentation of all required notifications of a Breach or its risk assessment under 45 CFR § 164.402 to demonstrate that a Breach did not occur.

7. Contractor shall provide to County all specific and pertinent information about the Breach, including the information listed in Section E.3.b. (1) (5) above, if not yet provided, to permit County to meet its notification obligations under Subpart D of 45 CFR Part 164 as soon as practicable, but in no event later than fifteen (15) calendar days after Contractor's initial report of the Breach to County pursuant to Subparagraph E.2 above.

8. Contractor shall continue to provide all additional pertinent information about the Breach to County as it may become available, in reporting increments of five (5) business days after the last report to County. Contractor shall also respond in good faith to any reasonable requests for further information, or follow up information after report to County, when such request is made by County.

9. Contractor shall bear all expense or other costs associated with the Breach and shall reimburse County for all expenses County incurs in addressing the Breach and consequences thereof, including costs of investigation, notification, remediation, documentation or other costs associated with addressing the Breach.

F. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY CONTRACTOR

1. Contractor may use or further disclose PHI County discloses to Contractor as necessary to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in the Contract MA XXX, provided that such use or Disclosure would not violate the HIPAA Privacy Rule if done by COUNTY except for the specific Uses and Disclosures set forth below.

a. Contractor may use PHI County discloses to Contractor, if necessary, for the proper management and administration of Contractor.

b. Contractor may disclose PHI County discloses to Contractor for the proper management and administration of Contractor or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Contractor, if:

i. The Disclosure is required by law; or

ii. Contractor obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the PHI is disclosed that it will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the person and the person immediately notifies Contractor of any instance of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

Contractor may use or further disclose PHI County discloses to Contractor to provide Data
 Aggregation services relating to the Health Care Operations of Contractor.

2. Contractor may use PHI County discloses to Contractor, if necessary, to carry out legal responsibilities of Contractor.

3. Contractor may use and disclose PHI County discloses to Contractor consistent with the minimum necessary policies and procedures of County.

Contractor may use or disclose PHI County discloses to Contractor as required by law.

G. OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY

1. County shall notify Contractor of any limitation(s) in County's notice of privacy practices in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Contractor's Use or Disclosure of PHI.

2. County shall notify Contractor of any changes in, or revocation of, the permission by an Individual to use or disclose his or her PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect Contractor's Use or Disclosure of PHI.

4. County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the HIPAA Privacy Rule if done by County.

H. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE TERMINATION

1. Upon County's knowledge of a material breach or violation by Contractor of the requirements of this Business Associate Contract, County shall:

a. Provide an opportunity for Contractor to cure the material breach or end the violation within thirty (30) business days; or

b. Immediately terminate the Contract MA XXX, if Contractor is unwilling or unable to cure the material breach or end the violation within (30) days, provided termination of the Contract MA XXX is feasible.

2. Upon termination of the Contract MA XXX, Contractor shall either destroy or return to County all PHI Contractor received from County or Contractor created, maintained, or received on behalf of County in conformity with the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

a. This provision shall apply to all PHI that is in the possession of Subcontractors or agents of Contractor.
 b. Contractor shall retain no copies of the PHI.

c. In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI is not feasible, Contractor shall provide to County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon determination by County that return or destruction of PHI is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Contract to such PHI and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for as long as Contractor maintains such PHI.

Exhibit 2

EDD Independent Contractor Reporting Requirements

Effective January 1, 2001, the County of Orange is required to file federal Form 1099 Misc for services received from a "service provider" to whom the County pays \$600 or more or with whom the County enters into a contract for \$600 or more within a single calendar year. The purpose of this reporting requirement is to increase child support collection by helping to locate parents who are delinquent in their child support obligations.

The term "service provider" is defined in California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.8, subparagraph B.2 as "an individual who is not an employee of the service recipient for California purposes and who received compensation or executes a contract for services performed for that service recipient within or without the state." The term is further defined by the California Employment Development Department to refer specifically to independent Offerors. An independent contractor is defined as "an individual who is not an employee of the ... government entity for California purposes and who receives compensation or executes a contract for services performed of California."

The reporting requirement does not apply to corporations, general partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and limited liability companies.

Additional information on this reporting requirement can be found at the California Employment Development Department web site located at <u>www.edd.ca.gov/txicr.htm</u>.

To comply with the reporting requirements, County procedures for contracting with independent Offerors mandate that the following information be completed and forwarded to the contracting agency/department immediately upon request:

------ First name, middle initial and last name

- Amount of contract

Middle Initial	Last Name	
Dollar value of cor	tract	
Expiration Date		
	Dollar value of cor	Dollar value of contract

Exhibit 1

Short Term Disability Plan Document

Exhibit 2

Reserve Deputy Sheriff Disability Income Protection Plan Document

Exhibit 3

Long Term Disability Policy

Exhibit 4

County of Orange Child Support Enforcement Certifications Requirements

A. In the case of an individual Contractor, his/her name, date of birth, Social Security number, and residence address:

Name:	
D.O.B:	
Social Security No:	
Residence Address:	

B. In the case of a Contractor doing business in a form other than as an individual, the name, date of birth, Social Security number, and residence address of each individual who owns an interest of 10 percent or more in the contracting entity:

Name:	
D.O.B:	
Social Security No:	
Residence Address:	
Name:	
D.O.B:	
Social Security No:	
Residence Address:	

(Additional sheets may be used if necessary)

"I certify that Company name is in full compliance with all applicable federal and state reporting requirements regarding its employees and with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignments and will continue to be in compliance throughout the term of the Contract with the County of Orange. I understand that failure to comply shall constitute a material breach of the contract and that failure to cure such breach within 60 calendar days of notice from the County shall constitute grounds for termination of the contract.

Authorized Signature	Name	Title	Date
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